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Town of Locke, Residence 13936 Main Street Locke Sacramento County California

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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TOWN OF LOCKE Residence

Location:

13936 Main Street, (west side of Main Street),

Locke, Sacramento County, California

USGS Courtland Quadrangle:

UTM Coordinates: 10:630465:4234480

Present Owner:

Way Chong Hall

Building Owner

Route 1, Box 221

Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Asian City Development Company, Inc.

Land Owner

P.O. Box 987

Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Present Occupant:

Mr. and Mrs. Way Chong Hall.

Present Use:

Residence,

Significance:

This is one of the group of buildings that forms the Main Street and River Road street facades, separated by narrow alleys and fronted by projecting second floor balconies over the sidewalk along Main Street.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

- Architectural character: This wooden structure, with its corrugated sheet metal roof, is a harmonious part of the architectural context of the street.
- 2. Condition of fabric: Fair.
- B. Description of Exterior:
 - Overall dimensions: The rectangular, two-story building is approximately twenty-five feet across the four-bay east front by sixty feet deep.
 - 2. Foundation: Wooden pier-and-beam foundation with concrete footings under the perimeter piers. The building sits above grade with a low crawl space below.

- 3. Wall construction, finish and color: Wooden drop siding, painted on the east and west walls. North and south walls are unpainted.
- 4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame construction.
- 5. Porches, stoops, balconies, etc.: Extending along the west River Road facade is a boardwalk covered by a shed roof. The roof, supported by four wooden posts, and covered with corrugated sheet metal, has a wooden rail with two intermediate rails extending between the posts. The second-story balcony is on the east facade, forming a covered walkway to the sidewalk. The balcony shed roof, supported by four wooden posts, is covered with asphalt roll roofing and has a wooden ceiling. Square balusters and a rail extend between posts and across the ends. Five narrow, wooden steps lead from the grade level of River Road down to the rear entrance.
- 6. Chimneys: A clay flue projects out from the north and south walls just below the second floor level and extending up the faces of the building. The flue is capped by a section of tapered metal flue.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: The double entrance on the front east facade's first-story has doors with two panels below a glass panel. The doorway is framed by a wooden surround, and two-light transom. On the southern edge of the front (east) facade is a door that opens into the stairway. The wooden door has three panels below a glass panel, and is framed by a wooden surround, sill and threshold. There are two doorways, side by side, on the rear west facade, one leading into a hallway and the other to a kitchen. Each wooden door has three panels below a glass panel. One door is fronted by an aluminum-framed screen door, the other, a wooden framed door. In the center of the west facade is a paneled door leading into a vestibule. Single paneled doors on both the north and south facades provide access from the side alleys.
- b. Windows and shutters: To either side of the front (east) entrance are large display windows. Each window is fitted with two-over-two fixed lights on the right and one-over-one fixed lights on the left side. The windows on each side of the rear (west) entrances have two-over-two, double hung sash framed by wooden surrounds and sills. All remaining openings on both floors have one-over-one, double-hung sash windows with screens. A wooden louver window pierces the east gable end, ventilating the attic.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof covered with corrugated sheet metal.
- b. Cornice, eaves: A slightly projecting cornice trims the eaves, returning at gable ends.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor: The east entrance opens into a large room on the first floor, extending across the width of the building. A doorway on the south wall leads into the stairway. There are numerous small rooms that have been partitioned off from the large room. A small vestibule on the west has a doorway leading to the exterior.
- b. Second floor: The west entrance opens into a narrow second floor hallway. On the north side through a double doorway is a living room. On the south side of the hallway is the kitchen, which has a doorway to the exterior on the west wall. Four additional small rooms flank the north side of the hallway, and three on the south. The hallway widens at the east end, and continues to a doorway to the exterior balcony on the east wall.
- 2. Stairways: The enclosed stair on the south wall of the building has an exterior exit on the east (front). A mounted iron pipe railing extends up to the second floor.
- 3. Flooring: Wooden floor boards, some covered with linoleum.
- 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Wooden beaded boards on walls and ceilings, painted. There are some fiberboard partitions on the first floor.
- 5. Doorways and doors: The first floor doors have five horizontal panels. Transomed doorways on the second floor have four double raised panels.
- 6. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating: Propane gas-fired space heaters.
 - b. Plumbing: Modern plumbing fixtures.
 - c. Lighting: Electric lighting fixtures.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The house stands on a lot which is bounded by Main Street on the east, and River Road on the west. A boardwalk extends across the building's west elevation, and the length of the street. On either side are narrow alleys. The south alley has a wooden open-string stair extending from the boardwalk down to a landing and continuing down to the first level on Main Street. There is an asphalt walk leading from the stairs to the concrete walk extending along the west side of Main Street.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Chinese Historical Association of America. The recording project was completed during the summer of 1979 under the general direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS; Kenneth L. Anderson, Jr., Principal Architect; John P. White, Project Supervisor (Texas Tech University); Pamela O. Chang, Architectural Foreman (University of California, Berkeley); with student architects William F. Hand (Auburn University); Clemson Lam (University of Hawaii); Gregory C. Tung (Yale University); and David G. Virgil (Carnegie-Mellon University), at the HABS Field Office in Sacramento, California. The drawings were edited in the HABS Washington office in January 1980 by staff architects William Graham and David Marsh. The written data was edited by staff historian Jan Cigliano during January-March 1980.

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